

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Cross-Reference to Related Applications section beginning at page 1, line 11, and ending on page 1, line 23, as follows:

This application claims priority from Provisional Application No. 60/559,383, entitled Improved Optical Detection Device, filed April 2, 2004, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

This application is related to (1) copending commonly assigned US patent application Serial No. 10/410,313, filed April 7, 2003 and issued on May 23, 2006 as Patent No. 7,050,660 (Docket No. 14135), (2) PCT application PCT/US04/10234, filed April 2, 2004, by Eksigent Technologies LLC, claiming priority from Serial No. 10/410,313 ~~(Docket 14135-1PCT)~~, (3) copending, commonly assigned United States Provisional Application No. 60/559,140 filed April 2, 2004, by Don Arnold et al. and entitled Microconnector (Docket 14986) Microfluidic Connector and (4) the copending, commonly assigned International (PCT) application PCT/US05/11021, filed on April 1, 2005 filed contemporaneously with this application by Don Arnold ~~et al.~~ and entitled Microconnector (Docket 14986-1PCT) Microfluidic Connections. The disclosure of each of the above-identified applications is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.